Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)	PEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETION
Amendment of Section 73.622	RM No
of the Commission's Rules)	
Digital Television Table of Allotments)	MM Docket No
(Mt. Cheaha, Alabama)	

To: The Chief, Allocations Branch

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Alabama Educational Television Commission ("AETC"), licensee of noncommercial television station WCIQ-TV, NTSC Channel 7, Mt. Cheaha, Alabama, by its attorneys, hereby respectfully petitions the Commission for a rulemaking to modify Commission's Digital Television Table of Allotments, as described in Section 73.622 of the Commission's Rules. Specifically, AETC requests that the Commission substitute Channel 4, Mt. Cheaha, Alabama, for Channel 56, Mt. Cheaha, Alabama, as the noncommercial digital television allotment to be used by the digital television station WCIQ-DT, and to take any other steps necessary to enable WCIQ-DT to apply to construct and ultimately operate its facilities on Channel 4, as described in the attached Engineering Statement (the "Proposal").

No. of Copies rec'd 0+4 List ABCDE In a series of orders, the Commission has specified Channels 2-51 as digital television core spectrum (the "Core Spectrum"). 1/ Television stations may operate outside the Core Spectrum during the period in which such stations are transitioning to digital broadcasts (the "Transition Period"). After the Transition Period, however, television stations broadcasting on channels outside the Core Spectrum must surrender their licenses for such channels and commence digital broadcast operations on some channel within the Core Spectrum. 2/ Accordingly, any station with a digital allotment outside the Core Spectrum would, in most cases, have to construct two digital facilities -- one to be used on the non-core channel during the Transition Period, and one to be used on a core channel after the Transition Period. See id.

In the Reconsideration Order, the Commission "recognize[d] the additional burden placed on licensees with out-of-core DTV allotments." Id. at 7440. Moreover, the Commission emphasized that "the allotment of out-of-core channels may present a particular burden to noncommercial . . . licensees." Id. at 7441. The Commission promised that "to the extent that in-core channels [are] available during the transition, [it] will attempt to further reduce the number of out-of-core allotments" through "future amendments to the Table." Id. at 7440-41.

^{1/} See, e.g., Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Sixth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 7418, 7435-37 (1998) ("Reconsideration Order"); Sixth Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 14588 (1997) ("Sixth Report and Order").

^{2/} See, e.g., Reconsideration Order, 13 FCC Rcd at 7439-42.

Adoption of the Proposal would enable the Commission to mitigate the burdens of the digital transition to one such noncommercial licensee. AETC is a public agency that provides noncommercial educational programs to residents throughout Alabama. It has a limited budget. Any funding that must be spent on technical matters is funding that AETC cannot dedicate to public programming. If the Commission adopts the Proposal, which would substitute a Core Spectrum digital allotment for WCIQ-DT for the current, non-core allotment, AETC would need to design and construct only one set of digital transmission facilities.

Accordingly, the Proposal would reduce the construction costs AETC will incur in making WCIQ-TV's digital transition, which would enable more of AETC's limited funds to continue to be used to maintain and improve other aspects of its services.

A Technical Statement, attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference in this Petition, confirms that the proposed allotment change is consistent with the Commission's technical rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.623. For the convenience of the Commission, the Technical Statement includes all the information that would be necessary for AETC to apply for a construction permit for WCIQ-DT on Channel 4, as well as demonstrating that the proposed allotment change would not result in inappropriate levels of interference. A statement from AETC affirming that it will apply for the allotment if changed as proposed is also attached.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Commission should adopt the Petition, approve the proposed modification in WCIQ-DT's channel allotment, and make all other changes necessary and appropriate to enable AETC to apply to construct WCIQ-DT's transmission facilities on Channel 4.

Respectfully submitted,

ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

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February 17, 1999

EXHIBIT 1

(Technical Statement)

ENGINEERING STATEMENT OF RYAN WILHOUR ON BEHALF OF

ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION LICENSEE OF TV BROADCAST STATION

WCIQ-TV. MT. CHEAHA, AL

The Alabama Educational Television Commission is licensed to operate WCIQ-TV on channel 7 with an ERP of 316.0 kW at an antenna height of 911 meters above mean sea level ("AMSL"). The FCC allocated channel 56 for DTV service using an ERP of 1,000 kW at an antenna height of 610 meters above average terrain ("AAT") to replicate the licensed channel 7 Grade B coverage contour. This will require the purchase of a new transmitting plant consisting of a high power UHF DTV transmitter, large coaxial transmission line or waveguide, and a medium gain transmitting antenna. The UHF DTV will consume substantially more power than the present VHF transmitter. Furthermore, DTV channel 56 is not within the "core" channels planned for television broadcasting after the transition from NTSC to DTV is complete. Therefore, at the end of the transition period WCIQ-TV would change to channel 7 for its permanent DTV operation requiring the purchase of another new DTV transmitter. At that time The Alabama Educational Television commission would be left with a relatively new UHF DTV transmitting plant which would be very costly to decommission, and for which it has absolutely no use.

As an alternative, I have completed studies that indicate that channel 4 with an ERP of 6.3 kW at an effective antenna height of 562 meters above average terrain could be used to achieve the same coverage area as the current NTSC operation and would also eliminate the need for a future modification. Attached to this document is a sample application for the requested channel 4 amendment. This request for change in DTV channels meets the required mileage separation to other NTSC / DTV co-channel and adjacent channel stations as described in section §73.623(d). Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the DTV channel allotted to WCIQ-TV, at Mt. Cheaha be changed from channel 56 to channel 4.

This engineering statement has been prepared by Ryan C. Wilhour who is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, and is an associate of Kessler and Gehman Associates, Inc., with offices in Gainesville, Florida.

KESSLER AND GEHMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Ryan Q. Wilhour

Énginéering consultant

January 28, 1999

APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION WCIQ DTV CHANNEL 4 ERP 6.3 kW AT 562 METERS ABOVE AVERAGE TERRAIN ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION MT. CHEAHA, ALABAMA

KESSLER AND GEHMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING ENGINEERS



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SE	CTION	N V-D - DTV BROADCAST ENGINEERING DATA		FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY File No. SSB Referral Date Referred By			
		Applicant	<u>.</u>		Call Letters (if issued)		······································
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		Questions 1-5 of the Certification Checklist and prolin Items 1-22, below. If an item is not applicable, enter		and info	ormation for the prope	osed facilit	y, a s
con	structi	tion Checklist: A correct answer of "Yes" to all on permit. An answer of "No" will require additional on permit can be granted.					
1	The	proposed DTV facility complies with 47 C.F.R. Section	73.622 in the	follow	ing respects:		
	(a)	It will operate on the DTV channel for this station as	established in	1 47 C.F	R. Section 73.622.	Yes	No
	(b)	It will operate from a transmitting antenna locate reference site for this station as established in 47 C.F.			1 miles) of the DTV	Yes	☐ No
	(c)	It will operate with an effective radiated power (terrain (HAAT) that do not exceed the DTV referestablished in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.622.				Yes	No No
2.	or th	proposed facility will not have a significant environment be general public to levels of RF radiation exceeding the therefore will not come within 47 C.F.R. Section 1, 1307	ne applicable			Yes	No No
3.	Purs	suant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.625, the DTV coverampass the allotted principal community.		f the pr	oposed facility will	Yes	No No
4.	The requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1030 regarding notification to radio astronomy installations, radio receiving installations and FCC monitoring stations have either been satisfied or are not applicable.						No
5.	The antenna structure to be used by this facility has been registered by the Commission and will not require reregistration to support the proposed antenna, OR the FAA has previously determined that the proposed structure will not adversely effect safety in air navigation and this structure qualifies for later registration under the Commission's phased registration plan, OR the proposed installation on this structure does not require notification to the FAA pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 17.7.						
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1.	Chann (a) I	el 2 DTV Channel No. 4	. Principal	commu	nity to be served:		
	C) Associated analysis (TV)		City or Town				nte
	(D) A	Associated analog TV station channel no., if any	MT. CHEAR	iA		AL	
3.	Effe	ctive radiated power (average power): (in the main lobe	of radiation, ij	f directio	onal)	6.3	kw
4.	Heig	cht of antenna radiation center above average terrain (H	AAT): (to the	nearesi	meter)	562	meters

Section.V-D-D TV BROADCAST ENGINEERING DATA (Page 2) Purpose of Application: (check appropriate boxes) Construct a new (main) facility Construct a new auxiliary facility Modify construction permit for auxiliary antenna Modify construction permit for main facility Modify licensed main facility Modify licensed auxiliary antenna If purpose is to modify, indicate the nature of change(s) by checking appropriate box(es) and specify the file number(s) of the authorizations affected. Effective radiated power Antenna supporting structure height Antenna height above average terrain Channel Antenna location Antenna system Other (summarize) File Number(s) 6. Exact location of transmitting antenna (a) Give address, city/state or if no address, specify distance and bearing relative to the nearest town or landmark. MT CHEAHA 8.3 MILES SE OF MUNFORD, AL (b) Geographical coordinates (to nearest second). If mounted on element of an AM array, specify coordinates or center of array. Otherwise, specify tower location. Specify South Latitude and East Longitude where applicable; otherwise, North Latitude or West Longitude will be presumed. (The Commission requires coordinates based on NAD 27.) 0 Latitude Longitude 33 29 06 85 48 32 7. (a) Elevation (to the nearest meter) rs

(1) of site above mean sea level;	716	_ meters
(2) of the top of supporting structure above ground (including antenna, all other appurtenances,	176	_ meters
and lighting, if any); and		
(3) of the top of supporting structure above mean sea level $[(a)(1) + (a)(2)]$.	892	_ meters
(b) Height of radiation center: (to the nearest meter)		
(1) above ground; and	148	_ meters
(2) above mean sea level [(a)(]) + (b)(1)];	864	_ meters
(-)		

Exhibit No. **EXHIBIT 2***

Attach as an Exhibit sketch(es) of the supporting structure, labeling all elevations required in item 7

above. If mounted on an AM directional array element, specify heights and orientations of all array towers, as well as location of any FM radiator. * SEE ATTACHED ENGINEERING STATMENT

8.

Section V-D -D TV BROADCAST ENGINEERING DATA (Page 3)

•	Anuna					
	(a) Manufacturer	DIELECTRIC	(b) Model No. <u>THP-0-2-1</u>			
	(c) Is a directional a	antenna proposed?		Yes	N N	o
		y major lobe azimuth(s) N/A specified in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.	degrees True and attach as an 625(c).	Exhibit N/A	lo.	
	(d) Is electrical bear	m tilt proposed?		Yes	М	0
	If Yes, specify C.F.R. Section		and attach as an Exhibit all data specified in 47	Exhibit N N/A	0.	
	(e) Is mechanical be	eam tilt proposed?		Yes	М	0
		wa degrees mechanical beam specified in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.0	tilt toward azimuth NA True and attach as an 625(c).	Exhibit N N/A	io.	
	(f) The proposed a	antenna is: (check only one box)				
	Morizonta	ally polarized Circularly pol	arized Elliptically polarized Othe	x:	VA	
10.		nounted on an antenna structure w sed antenna installation?	hich has been registered with the Commission,	Yes		ło
	If Yes, provide the s	seven digit registration number an	nd, unless item 11 also applies, proceed to item	103	6421	
11.	Has the owner of the will include the prop		tion for registration with the Commission that	Yes	× K	lo
	If yes, provide the da	ate FCC Form 854 was filed and pr	roceed to item 15.	<u>N</u>	/A	
12.		s the FAA previously determined t	ered but will be under the Commission's phased hat the structure would not adversely affect	Yes NV	كسبيا	lo
	If Yes. proceed to ite	em 15.				
13.	by natural terrain of congested area of a	or topographic features of equal of city, town or settlement where it	res of a permanent and substantial character or or greater height, and would be located in the is evident beyond all reasonable doubt that the safety in air navigation. and therefore does not	Yes N/A		ło
	item 15.	-	nd/or diagram to support your claim and skip to	Exhibit !	No.	
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14. Antenna structure does not otherwise meet FAA Notification criteria as defined under 47 C.F.R. Section 17.7 and therefore does not require registration.							Yes N/A		No				
If Ye	es, give reaso l	on below.											-
	supporting sication(s)?	structure th	e same a	as that of ano	ther station(s	s) or proposed	in anoth	er peno	ling	\boxtimes	Yes		No
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16 Does t	the application	n propose	to corre	ct previous si	te coordinate	es?				\boxtimes	Yes*		No
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(b) t	he DTV cov	erage cont	our as e		47 C.F.R. Š	which profile ection 73.625(rved.	~ .	ave be	en prepared;				
19. Terrai	in and covera	age data (t	o be calo	culated in acc	ordance with	h 47 C.F.R. Se	ection 73.	.625(b))				
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	Other (briefly	y summariz	e)										

Section V-D -D TV BROADCAST ENGINEERING DATA (Page 4)

* SEE ATTACHED ENGINEERING STATEMENT

Radial bearing (degrees True)	Height of radiation center above average elevation of radial from 3 to 16 kin (meters)	Predicted distance to the DTV Coverage Contour (kilometers)
* 90	537	118
0	616	124
45	564	120
90	537	118
135	545	118
180	463	112
225	524	117
270	611	123
315	633	125

^{*}Radial through principal community, if not one of the major radials. This radial should NOT be included in the calculation of I MAT.

20.	Does the proposed facility satisfy the interference protection provisions of 47 C.F.R. Section 73.623(a)? (Applicable only if Certification Checklist items I (a), (b), or (c) are answered "No.")	Yes [No
	If No, attach as an Exhibit justification therefore, including a summary of any related previously granted waivers.	Exhibit No.	
21.	If the proposed facility will not satisfy the coverage requirement of 47 C.F.R. Section 73.625, attach as an Exhibit justification therefore. (Applicable only if Certification Checklist item 3 is answered	Exhibit No.	

- 22. Environmental Statement. (See 47CF.R. Section 1.1301 et seq.)
 - (a) If a Commission grant of this application comes within 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, such that it may have a significant environmental impact, submit as an Exhibit an Environmental Assessment required by 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1311.

Exhibit No.

- (b) If No, explain briefly why not. THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AS DEFINED IN §1.1307 OF THE FCC RULES.*
- (c) Pursuant to OST Bulletin No. 65, the applicant must explain in an Exhibit what steps will be taken to limit the RF radiation exposure to the public and to persons authorized access to the tower site. In addition, where there are multiple contributors to radio frequency radiation, you must certify that the established RF radiation exposure procedures will be coordinated with all stations. *

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have prepared this Section of this application on behalf of the applicant, and that after such preparation, I have examined and found it to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Typed or Printed)	Relationship to Applicant (e.g., Consulting Engineer)		
RYAN C. WILHOUR	CONSULTING ENGINEER		
Signature	Address (include ZIP Code)		
	507 NW 60TH ST. SUITE C GAINESVILLE FL 32605		
Date	Telephone No. (include Area Code)		
JANUARY 28, 1999	352-332-3157		

ENGINEERING STATEMENT OF RYAN C. WILHOUR OF THE FIRM OF KESSLER AND GEHMAN ASSOCIATES, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR THE ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION WCIQ-TV WHICH WOULD OPERATE ON DTV CHANNEL 4 WITH A MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER OF 6.3 KILOWATTS HORIZONTALLY POLARIZED AT AN EFFECTIVE ANTENNA HEIGHT OF 562 METERS ABOVE AVERAGE TERRAIN IN THE VICINITY OF MT. CHEAHA, ALABAMA

I, Ryan C. Wilhour, am an associate of Kessler and Gehman Associates, Inc. with offices in Gainesville, Florida. I am a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering.

This firm has been employed by the Alabama Educational Television Commission to make engineering studies and to prepare the engineering portion for construction permit for television broadcast station WCIQ-TV to operate on DTV channel 4 with a maximum effective radiated power of 6.3 kilowatts horizontally polarized at an effective antenna height of 562 meters above average terrain in the vicinity of Mt. Cheaha, Alabama.

The Alabama Educational Television Commission is the licensee, File No. BLET405, of the television broadcast station WCIQ-TV that operates on NTSC channel 7.

ATTACHED FIGURES

In carrying out the engineering studies the following attached figures were prepared by me or under my supervision:

- 1. Proposed engineering specifications (Exhibit 1)
- 2. Elevation drawing of the antenna system (Exhibit 2)
- 3. Antenna Elevation Pattern (Exhibit 3)
- 4. USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle showing the proposed transmitter location and coordinate lines (Exhibit 5)
- 5. Map showing the predicted DTV coverage contour (Exhibit 6)

TRANSMITTER LOCATION

It is proposed to use the existing support structure extending 152 meters above ground upon which the proposed Dielectric THP-O-2-1 horizontally polarized non-directional antenna will be side mounted as demonstrated in Exhibit 2. The FCC tower registration reflects the correct coordinates, ground elevation, overall height AMSL, and overall height AGL for the existing tower. Thus, this application was prepared to these specifications.

The proposed construction would have no significant environmental impact as defined in §1.1307 of the FCC Rules. The NTSC transmitter will continue to operate and will produce an effective radiated power of 316.0 kW which will produce a power density on

the ground at the base of the tower of 0.2 mW/cm² which is 20.0% of the maximum allowable exposure assuming the beam maximum of the antenna is directed toward the ground. The DTV operation would similarly produce a power flux density of 0.01 mW/cm² which is 0.99% of the maximum allowable exposure. Combined the power density would be 20.99% of the maximum allowed by the ANSI requirements. However, since the relative field of the vertical radiation patterns are less than 0.15 at the vertical angles more than 5 degrees below the horizon, the maximum possible power density at any point on the ground would be much less than the maximum allowed exposure level of 1.00 mW/cm² for controlled or occupational exposure and 0.2 mW/cm² for uncontrolled exposure. The applicant will cooperate with any other users of the tower by reducing the power to the antenna or if necessary completely cutting it off in order to protect maintenance workers on the tower. In addition the applicant will erect a fence and install warning signs to keep trespassers away from the tower.

The applicant accepts full responsibility for the elimination of any objectionable interference including that caused by intermodulation to facilities in existence or authorized prior to the grant of this application.

WCiQ was initially allotted an ERP of 1000.0 kW on channel 56 with an antenna HAAT of 610 M. Channel 56 is not in the final DTV core spectrum (channels 2 - 51) and thus would require modification before December 31, 2006. As an alternative this application proposes to use channel 4 with a reduced ERP to achieve the same coverage area as its NTSC facility. This request for a change in DTV channels meets the required mileage separation to other NTSC / DTV co-channel and adjacent channel stations as described in section §73.623(d).

KESSLER AND GEHMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

RYAN C. WILHOUR Engineering Consultant

WCIQ - DT MT. CHEAHA, ALABAMA

ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS

A.	Transmitter Site North Latitude West Longitude	33° 29' 06" 85° 48' 32"	
	Street Address	At Cheaha Mountain 8.3 Alabama.	Miles SE of Munford
В.	Proposed Facility DTV Channel	Number Frequency	4 66-72 MHz
C.	Antenna Height Height of site above mean Overall height of structure (Including all appur Overall height of structure (Including all appur Height of site above avera Effective height of antenn Effective height of antenn	e above ground rtenances) e above mean sea level rtenances) age terrain ha above ground ha above average terrain	716m 176m 892m 414m 148m 562m 864m
D.	Antenna Parameters - Ho Maximum antenna gain ir Maximum antenna gain ir Maximum effective radiate In beam maximum Maximum effective radiate In horizontal plane	n beam maximum n horizontal plane ed power ed power	4.31dB 4.31dB 8.00dBk 6.30kW 8.00dBk 6.30kW

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EXHIBIT 1

ELEVATION VIEW

EXISTING HARRIS TAB-12H NTSC ANTENNA

PROPOSED
DIELECTRIC
THP-0-2-1
DTV ANTENNA

GUYED TOWER AND ANTENNA TO BE LIGHTED AND PAINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FCC REQUIREMENTS

SITE ELEVATION: 716 M AMSL

OVERALL HEIGHT AGL:

OVERALL HEIGHT AMSL:

DTV RADIATION CENTER AGL:

DTV RADIATION CENTER AMSL:

176 M

892 M

148 M

864 M

COORDINATES:

N. LATITUDE

33° 29' 06"

176 M

175 M

164 M

152 M

152 M

148 M

W. LONGITUDE 85° 48' 32"

NOTE: NOT TO SCALE

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EXHIBIT 2



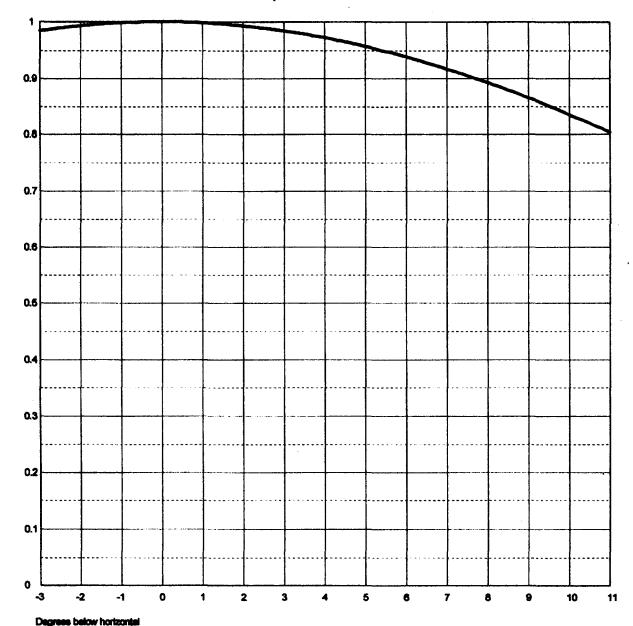
Date
Call Letters
Location
Customer
Antenna Type

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WCIQ-DT Channel 4
MT. CHEAHA, AL
ALA. EDU. TV COM.
THP-0-2-1

ELEVATION PATTERN

RMS Gain at Main Lobe RMS Gain at Horizontal Calculated / Measured 2.1 (3.22 dB) 2.1 (3.22 dB) Calculated

Beam Tilt Frequency Drawing # 0.00 Degrees 69.00 MHz 02H02100



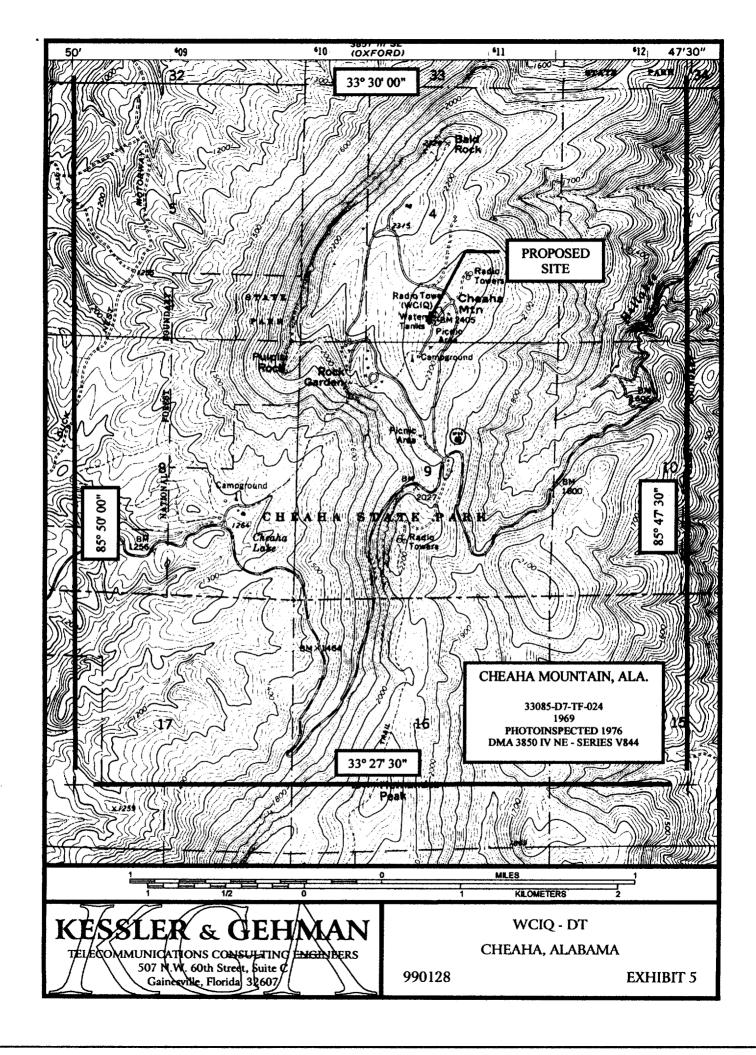
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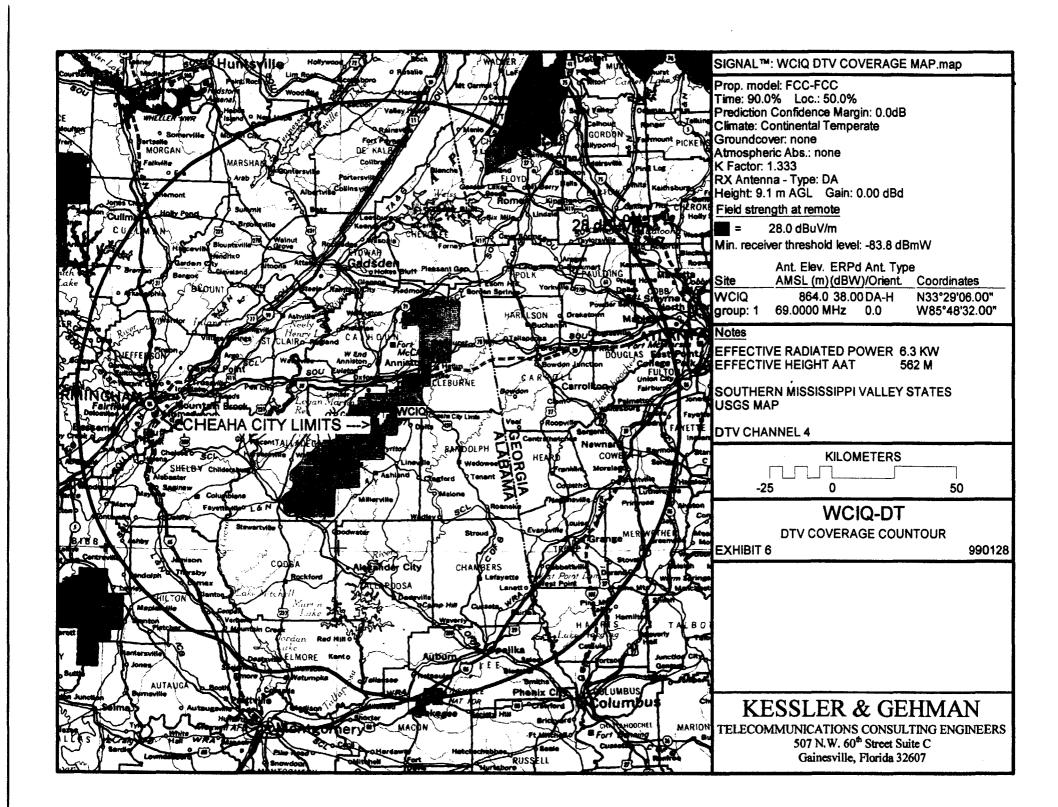
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EXHIBIT 3





Declaration of Judy Stone

I, Judy Stone, declare as follows:

- 1. I am Executive Director of the Alabama Educational Television Commission ("AETC").
- 2. If the proposed rulemaking amending Section 73.622, Digital Television Table of Allotments, is adopted, AETC intends to apply for Commission consent to construct the digital television facilities that will operate on the channel proposed in the attached submission.
- 3. If awarded this construction permit, AETC intends to construct and operate such facilities pursuant to the Commission's requirements.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Judy Stone

February 1999